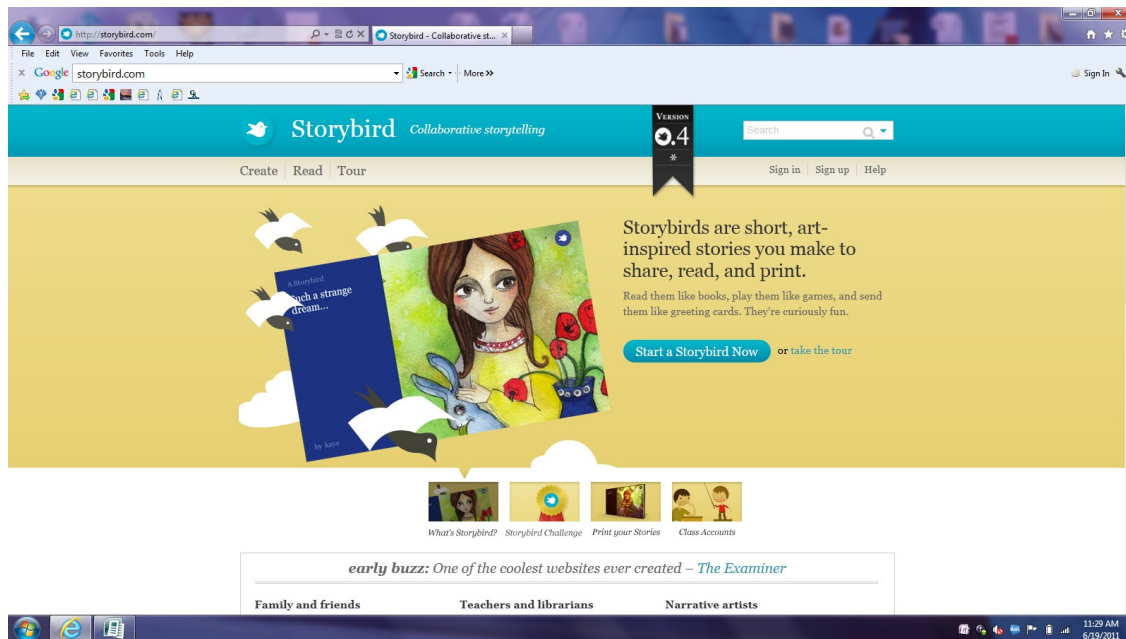


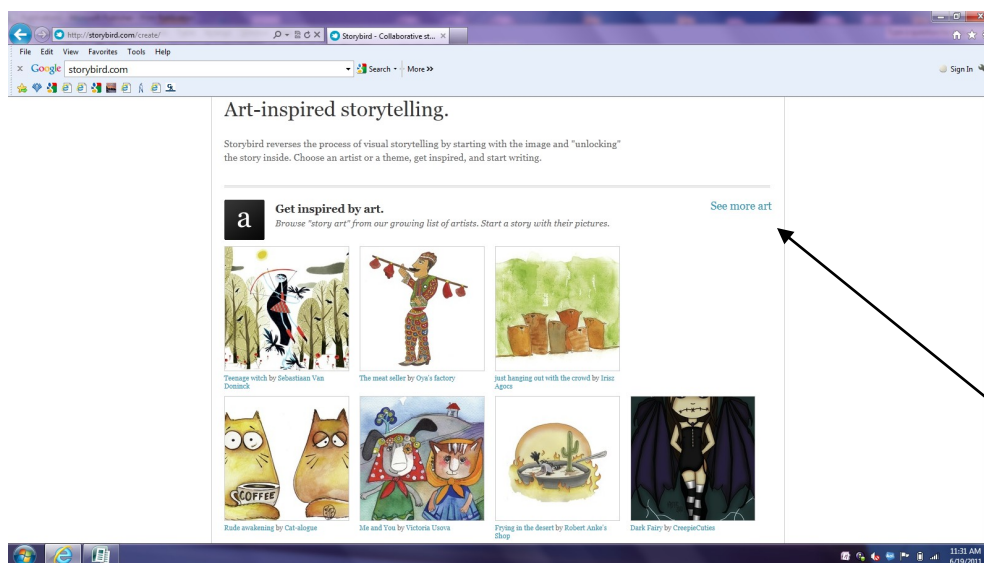
Storybird.com

How to Instructions

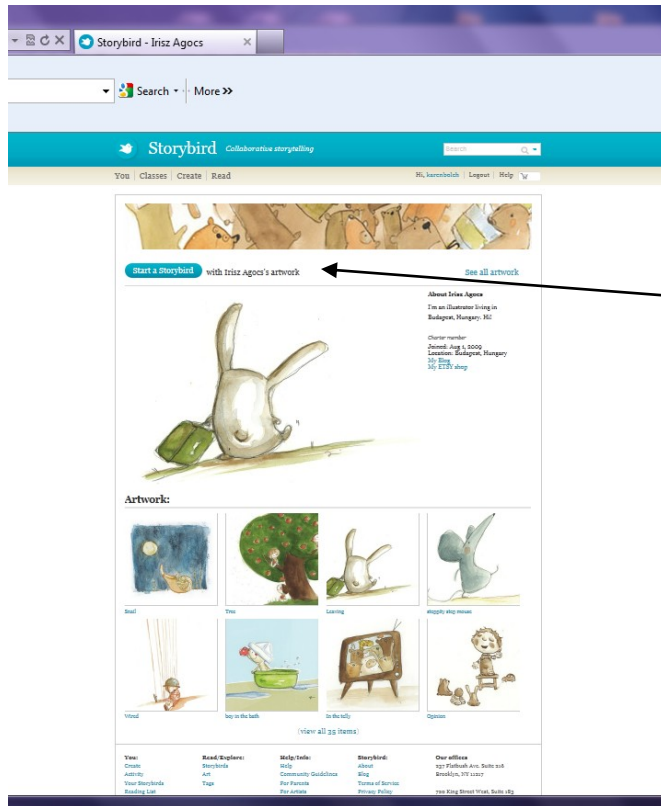
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Sign up for a free educator account, then sign in and CREATE to get familiar with it OR READ to see samples of other's work.
You can set up classes etcetera later

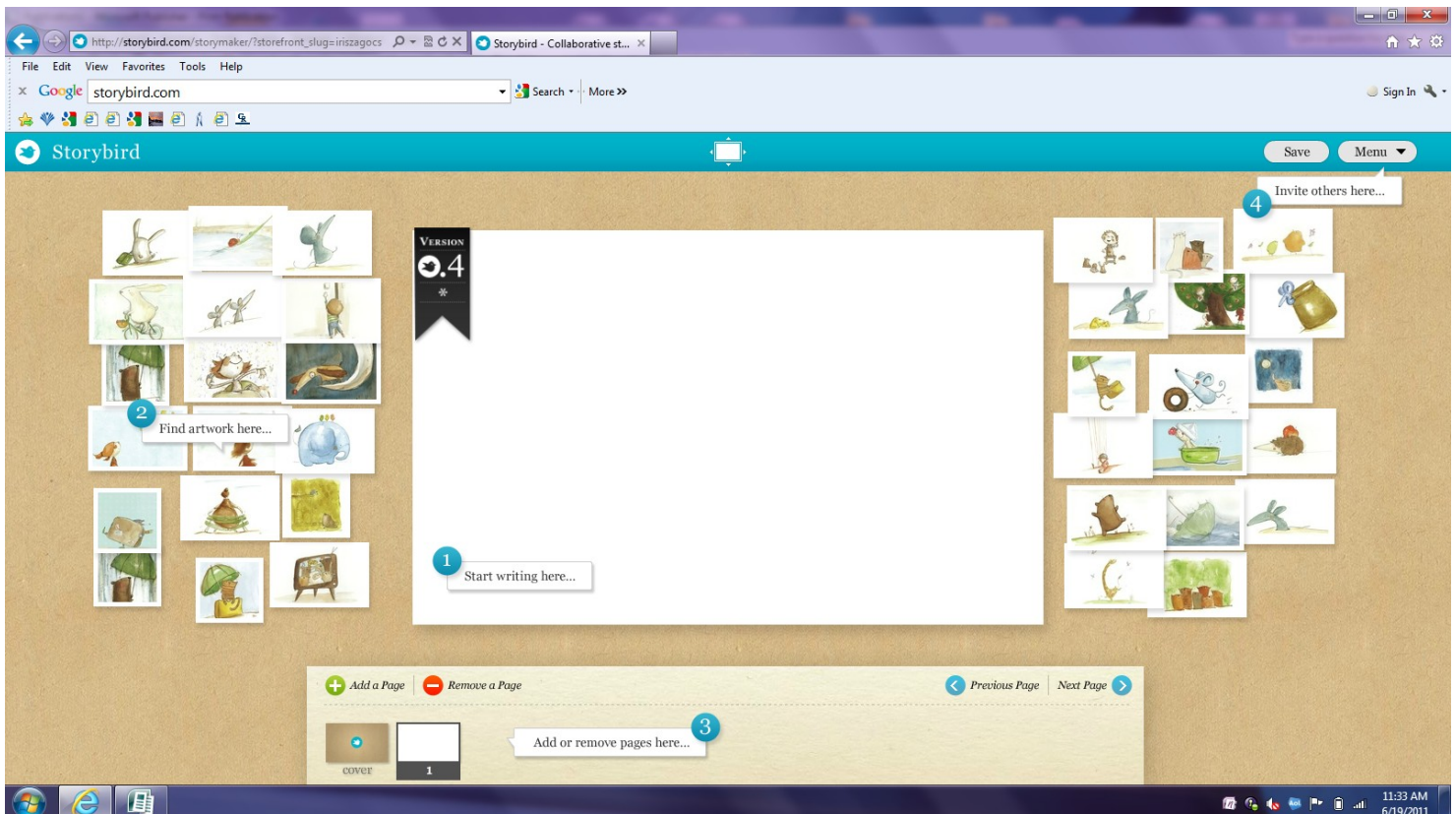


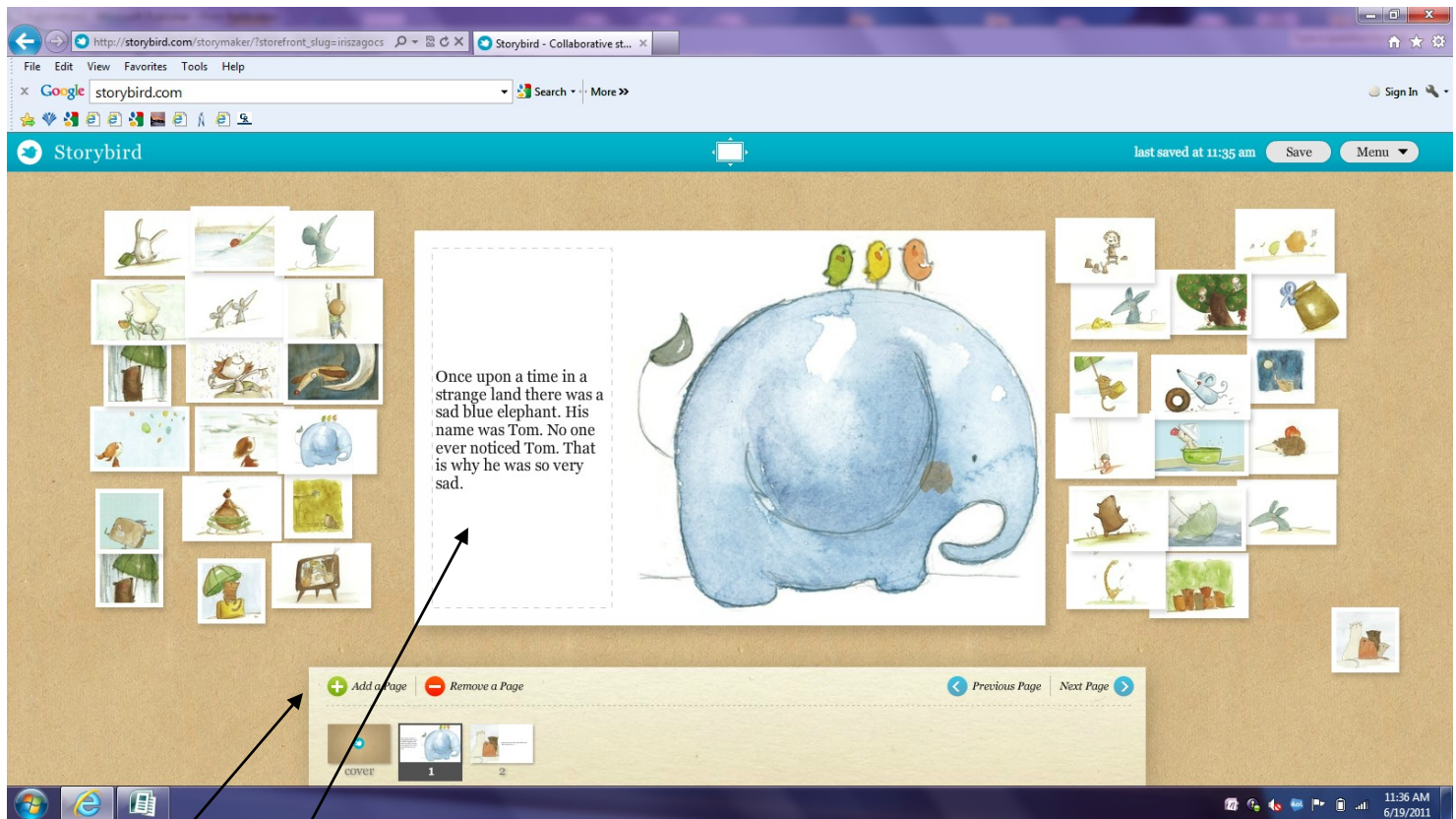
The first step is to select an illustrator—great for demonstrating how illustrations set the tone of the story.
SEE MORE ARTWORK takes you to hundreds of styles—scroll till you find one you like
Double clicking takes you to that sample of work



This screen allows you to see some of the illustrations within the storyboard choices. If you like them start with the illustrator, if not, continue to see more artwork until you find one that fits what you have in mind.

Here is where you start writing. All your choices are now loaded. Select your first illustration and drag it into the frame—left, right, top or bottom to leave room for typing text.

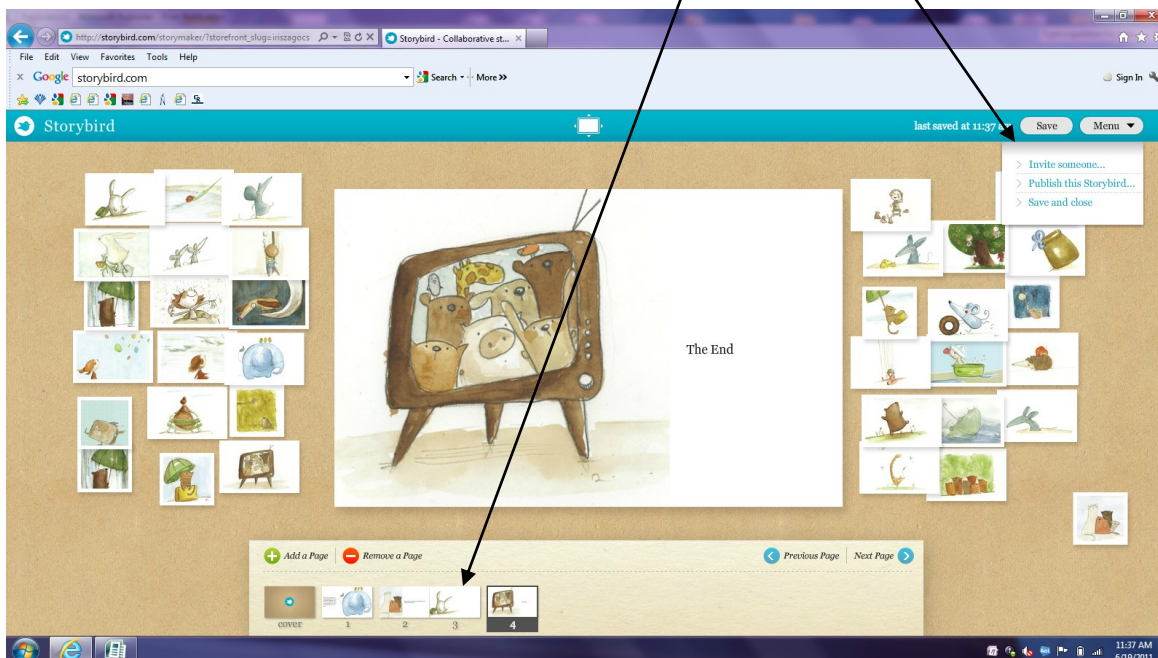




Add pages, type your text and continue your story. There is a spell check feature which you can turn off or on inside the settings options. Do what you can then SAVE. You can go back and JUMP IN later. Storybirds can be collaborative pieces as well. Don't forget to put in a cover title. The author will be the students logon so DON'T use their last names as they will be published on the internet. There is a private feature but then you cannot embed it.

Here's where you can see your storyboard as you go.

When you are done for the session OR completely save here



The screenshot shows the Storybird creation interface for a story titled "The Very Sad Elephant". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Change cover:** A preview of the story cover featuring a blue elephant and three small birds.
- Title:** The title "The Very Sad Elephant" is displayed, with a "Change title" link.
- Summary:** A text area for the summary, currently empty. A note states: "This summary appears alongside your Storybird to help explain what the story is about. You can include a bit about the plot, the main characters, or the themes. Or whatever."
- Tags:** A text area for tags. A note states: "Separate tags with a space: castle princess dragon. Use double quotes to join two tags together: 'magical forest'". Another note states: "On average, people use about 7 tags to describe their work."
- This is for:** A dropdown menu set to "Not for school". A note states: "A story you've written for yourself, not for school or an Assignment."
- Age range:** A dropdown menu set to "1-3 years". A note states: "Who is the target reader for your story?"
- This is for the June Challenge:** A dropdown menu set to "No". A note states: "Learn more about the June Challenge." and "Choose 'Yes' if this IS for the challenge."
- Buttons:** A "Publish" button, a "cancel and return to dashboard" link, and a "Delete this Storybird" link.

When you are finally done—have students let you review it first, then you publish it. It will publish depending upon the settings you make. I always do PUBLIC which will give me an embed code.

Students or teacher can write summary etc. under these choices. Then PUBLISH here

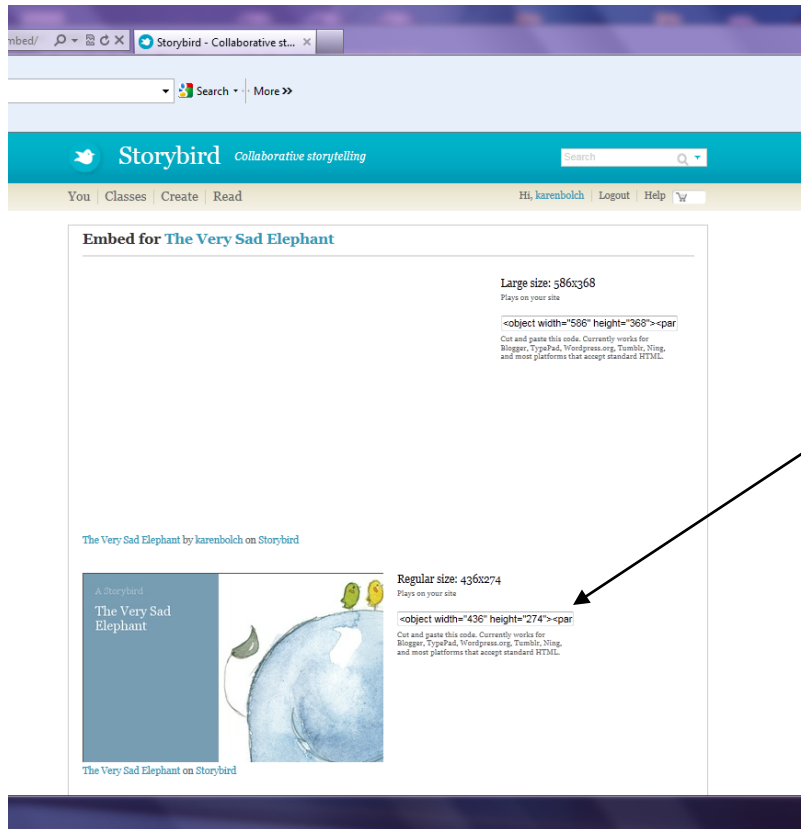
You can buy a beautiful full size PDF to print in color which looks just like a read picture book or parents can purchase and actual picture book.

OR you can take the embed code and post it on a wiki as a widget for all the world to see !

The screenshot shows the Storybird preview page for "The Very Sad Elephant". The page includes:

- Header:** A navigation bar with "You", "Classes", "Create", "Read", and a user profile "Hi, karenbolch | Logout | Help".
- Message:** A yellow banner stating "✓ The Very Sad Elephant has been published and added to your library."
- Story Title:** "The Very Sad Elephant" with a "Buy" button.
- Metadata:** Author: karenbolch | Illustrator: Irisz Agocs | Age Group: 1-3 years | This Storybird is not public.
- Actions:** "Send to a friend" and "Embed & badges" links.
- Story Preview:** A large image of the story cover featuring a blue elephant and three small birds.
- Pages from this Storybird:** A section showing four small thumbnails of the story's pages.
- Comments:** A section titled "Be the first to comment" with a text area for "Add your comment:" and "Post" and "Preview" buttons.
- About this Storybird:** A section with details: Published: June 19, 2014, Total Pages: 4, Viewed: 0 times (not including you), Copyright © All rights reserved, This Storybird is private, Edit story, Edit details, and Buy an archive.

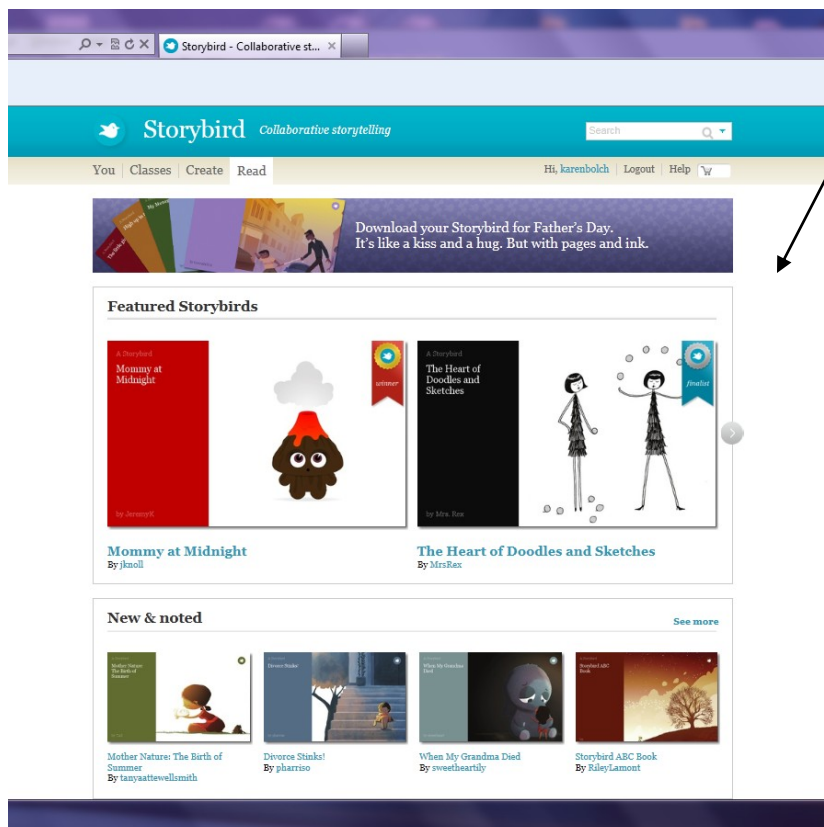
If you go to PREVIEW here, you can print a thumbnail version for students to edit at home. Storybird will have this function at a later date to enable better storyboarding for kids, but this is the hack at the moment.

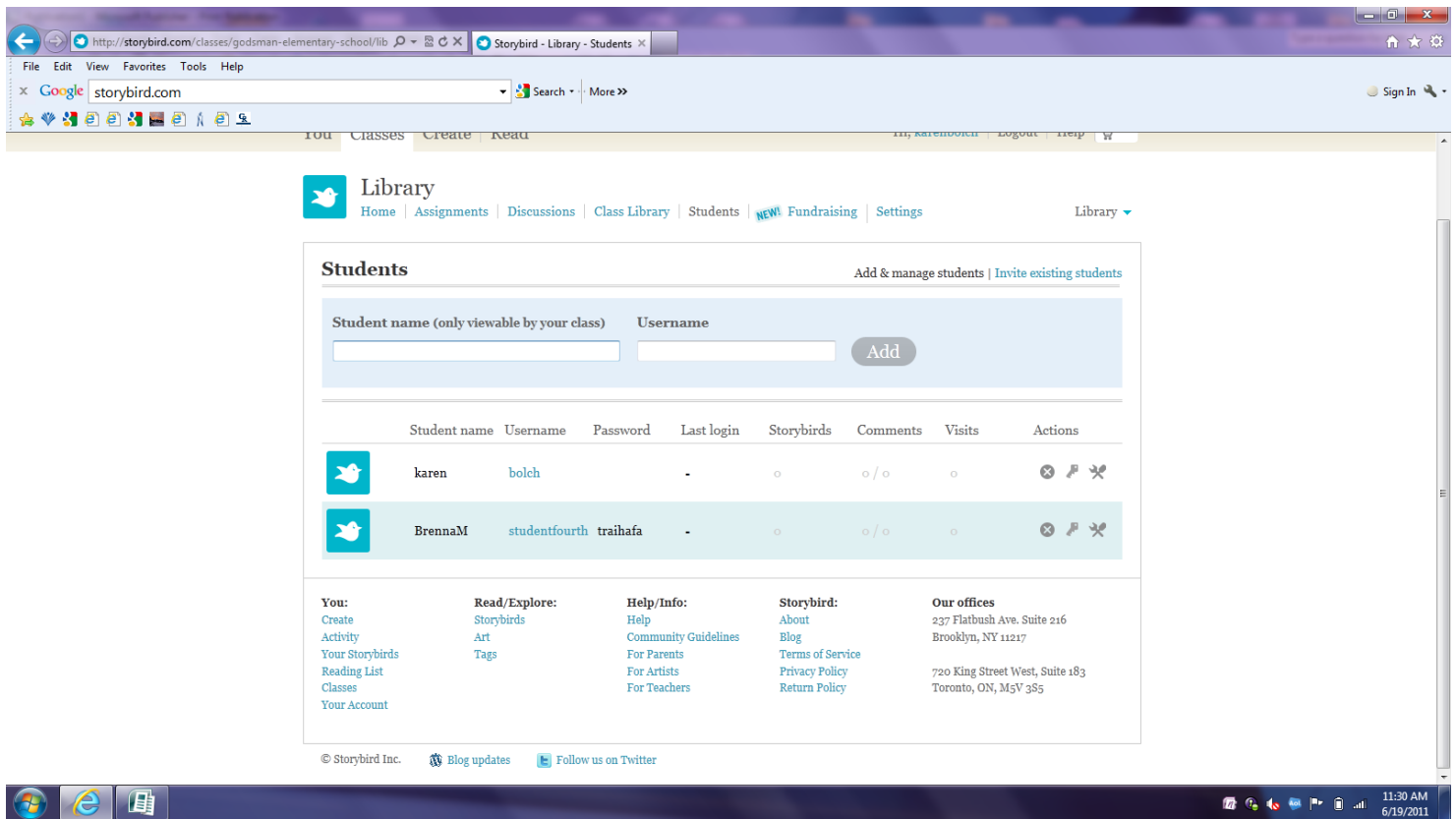


After it is published you will see this screen with several options for embedding in sizes. Select, copy and paste the code and you have a great version to share. Kids can go and look at each others.

As an intervention tool we use it for students to write their own and we write a corrected version below so they can see their errors, as can their parents and interventionists can see what sight words specifically they need.

If you go READ you can see what others are doing with the tool.





Your teacher page has lots of options for you to explore—and these will be improving this fall including log on cards we hope ! The tech support is wonderful about emailing you back right away and open to suggestions. DO NOT change the passwords as they become invisible...unless you make them all ABC you will shoot yourself.

If you save and need to go back to edit—you JUMP IN to continue a story. Most stories take several sessions to create, edit, think about and rewrite till kids are happy with them. On your page you can see all your students work at once. The kids LOVE it and won't get off. The PDF;s are amazing and parents LOVE using it at home .

